

Proposed Rule Amendment:

§329.1. General Licensing Requirements and Procedures

Summary of Amendment: The amendment is proposed to add reference to the definitions of an accredited PT and PTA program; to differentiate between the school transcript requirement for an applicant by exam and an applicant by endorsement; to allow for digital submission of a letter of completion for applicants by exam; and to eliminate the requirement for a letter of completion for an applicant by endorsement if the transcript indicates the date the degree was conferred. The amendment will remove existing barriers to licensure and will improve the efficiency of issuing licenses.

Rulemaking Process:

- Proposed by the PT Board at the January 15, 2021 meeting.
- Proposed Rulemaking Memorandum sent to the Office of the Governor on January 15, 2021 for review.
- Approved by the Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners (ECPTOTE) at the February 12, 2021 meeting.
- Notification of review with no comments from Office of the Governor on February 24, 2021.
- To be published in the March 12, 2021 edition of the *Texas Register* for public comment.

§329.1. General Licensure Requirements

(a) Requirements. All applications for licensure shall include:

(1) - (3) (No change.)

(4) documentation of academic qualifications.

(A) For applicants who completed their physical therapy education at an accredited PT or PTA program as defined in §321.1. (1) and (2) [in the U.S.], the documentation required is:

(i) a transcript sent directly to the board from the degree-granting institution ~~[showing enrollment in the final semester of an accredited PT or PTA program as provided in §453.203 of the Act];~~

(I) transcript must show at least active enrollment in the final semester for applicants by exam;

(II) transcript must show date degree was conferred for applicants by endorsement.

(ii) a statement submitted [signed] by the program director or other authorized school official ~~[, notarized or with the school seal affixed,]~~ stating that the applicant has successfully completed the PT or PTA program for applicants by exam.

(B) – (C) (No change.)

(5) (No change.)

(b) – (i) (No change.)